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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Valdemar Zawadzki et al.) Group Art Unit: 1772
Application No.: 09/862,722) Examiner: CATHERINE A SIMONE
Filed: May 23, 2001) Confirmation No.: 1183
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A)
FLUID-PERVIOUS FABRIC FOR)
IMPARTING A PATTERN TO A)
FIBRE WEB, SUCH A FLUID-)
PERVIOUS FABRIC AND SUCH A)
FIBRE WEB)

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application.

However, in view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Claims 18-24:

Claims 18-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,893,965, hereinafter *Trokhan et al.* Applicants allege that the Examiner has improperly attempted to shift the burden from the Examiner to show anticipation to the Applicants to show that there is no anticipation. However, Applicants remind the Examiner that the Applicants are entitled to a patent unless anticipation is proven by the Examiner.

The Examiner alleges that Applicants have not presented evidence to show that *Trokhan et al.* does not have uniform basis weight and porosity in the